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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143

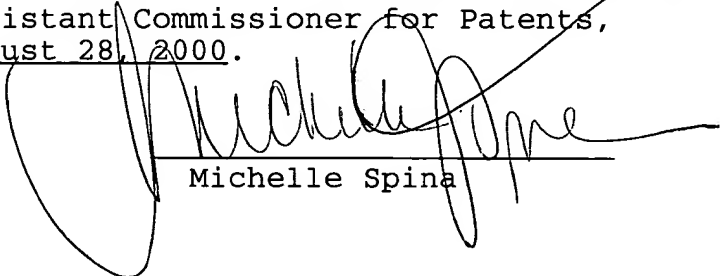
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2000, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group III, Claims 49-67 and 85, directed to methods of vaccinating subjects with a therapeutic composition comprising a non-pathogenic HIV-1 isolate.

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